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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Mendez & Finer

Serial No.: 09/762,476

Filed: 27 September 2001

HYBRID YEAST-BACTERIA CLONING
SYSTEM AND USES THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Sandals

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed 24 December 2002.
Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of Time for a
one-month extension making the due date for response 24 February 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

-- 1 ~~AMENDED~~ Vectors comprising:

- (a) a first arm having a first selectable marker and a first cyclization
element; and
- (b) a second arm having a second selectable marker and a second
selectable marker and a second cyclization element,
- wherein at least one arm further comprises an origin of replication.

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